(b) if so, the action taken to clear the projects sent by the State Government relating to Gayatri Sankshema Vedika, Secunderabad and Dheenajana Abhyudaya Seva Samithi, Medak?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) Association of UNDP with the Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development(TREAD) Programme has not yet been finalised.

(b) The Projects submitted by Gayatri SankshemaVedika, Secunderabad and Dheenajana Abhyudaya Seva Mandal, Hyderabad have been sanctioned under the TREAD Programme.

De-nationalisation of Coal Sector

*348. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal to de-nationalise the coal sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINERALS (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a) of the question.

Requirement of Potable Water in Maharashtra and Gujarat

*349. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the current requirement of potable water in rural areas of Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the requirement is being met in rural areas of these State; and

(d) the measures Government propose to initiate to meet the full requirement of potable water of the two States within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) Rural Water Supply is a State subject and drinking water facilities to rural habitations are provided by the State Governments under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government endeavours to supplement the efforts of the State by providing assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated